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1 - Six technologies top committee's M6 disposal list, Shreveport Times, 3/11/2015

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/local/2015/03/11/six-technologies-top-committees-disposal-list/70171908/>

The citizens who make up a large part of the Minden Dialogue Committee ended their final working session more confident than ever their list of six recommended technologies will be preferred over an open burn — even though the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stopped just short of taking it out of consideration.

2 - Ecological and economic impact of Houston Ship Channel collision, Fox 26 Houston, 3/10/2015

<http://apps.texastribune.org/undrinkable/rio-bravo-el-cenizo/>

The Rio Bravo Water Treatment Plant opened in 2006 as a state-of-the-art technological wonder, designed to distill 2.4 million gallons of water per day — clean, safe, drinkable water. But nearly a decade later, the 8,000 residents of Rio Bravo and neighboring El Cenizo mostly still buy their drinking and cooking water from brightly colored kiosks around town.

3 – Why Fort Smith, Arkansas Is Planning Oklahoma's Next Lake, NPR StateImpact, 3/12/2015

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/03/12/why-fort-smith-arkansas-is-planning-oklahomas-next-lake/>

In Oklahoma, the natural beauty of Lee Creek — one of the state's scenic rivers — is protected by state law. In Arkansas, Lee Creek is an important water source for fast-growing Fort Smith. Now, Fort Smith has a plan to turn Lee Creek into Oklahoma's next lake, and reignite a dispute that was settled more than 20 years ago.

4 – SF climate task force urges opposing PNM rate hike, Albuquerque Journal, 3/12/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/553935/north/sf-climate-task-force-urges-opposing-pnm-rate-hike.html>

The Climate Action Task Force formed by Mayor Javier Gonzales last year to identify what the city can do to prepare for climate change is recommending that the city work to oppose the Public Service Company of New Mexico's proposed rate increase.

5 – Proposed OG&E hike draws critics of utility's plan, EPA mandate, Tulsa World, 3/12/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/energy/proposed-og-e-hike-draws-critics-of-utility-s-plan/article_08182429-2c39-599a-be04-4687f6d2cd94.html

Representatives of low-income Oklahomans and a large industrial customer were among critics Tuesday of an Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. plan to recover \$1.1 billion from customers for environmental compliance and replacement generation.

6 - Central Texas Air Coalition approves EPA letter, but not before criticism from Austin Council Member, Austin-American Statesman, 3/11/2015

<http://environment.blog.statesman.com/2015/03/11/central-texas-air-coalition-approves-epa-letter-but-not-before-criticism-from-austin-council-member/>

A regional air quality coalition approved a letter on Wednesday to ask the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for some mercy in its air quality decisions, but not before a conservative-minded Austin City



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Council member encouraged the coalition to go on the attack.

7 - Los Alamos May Face Stricter Runoff Regulations, KUNM, 3/11/2015

<http://kunm.org/post/los-alamos-may-face-stricter-runoff-regulations>

Should Los Alamos National Labs and Los Alamos County be held to the Clean Water Act standards for stormwater runoff that ends up in the Rio Grande? That's the question the Environmental Protection Agency is weighing. A public comment period on the matter will begin soon.

8 - Salvage plans underway for damaged tanker in Houston Ship Channel, KPRC, 3/11/2015

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/salvage-plans-underway-for-damaged-tanker-in-houston-ship-channel/31738114#>

Plans to salvage the damaged chemical tanker Carla Maersk got underway Wednesday, two days after a collision with another ship in the Houston Ship Channel.

9 - DSHS on ship collision: Don't eat seafood with a chemical odor, KPRC, 3/11/2015

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/dshs-on-ship-collision-dont-eat-seafood-with-a-chemical-odor/31739378>

Installing a new wood floor is usually about aesthetics: brown or black? Glossy or matte? Now, some Americans and businesses are grappling with another feature: formaldehyde.

10 - \$15.9 million in starter switches: Big parts create big cost for pump stations, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/11/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/03/new_orleans_canal_pump_station.html#incart_river

The permanent closure and pump station structures being built at the mouths of the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue canals will cost an additional \$15.9 million because of a change in the complicated electrical switches used to start the pumps, the Army Corps of Engineers announced this week.

11 - McConnell, Inhofe, GOP aim to undermine clean power without an alternative solution to climate change (opinion), Tulsa World, 3/11/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/opinion/othervoices/national-resources-defense-council-press-secretary-mcconnell-inhofe-gop-aim/article_7bc87502-1e14-51d8-bcb9-86f8974474d3.html

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) held up a misleading chart Wednesday to assert that a number of states oppose the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan.

12 - EPA chief calls for 'binding' global agreement, Greenwire, 3/11/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060014766/feed>

The international community must reach a legally binding agreement on climate change this year, U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said today.

13 - At long last, New Orleans has a map of its construction projects. But could it be more?, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/11/2015

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2015/03/at_long_last_new_orleans_has_a.html

While New Orleans' moving labyrinth of street closures, blinking arrows, orange barrels and chain-link fences continues to consternate denizens and drivers alike, the city now has an online roadmap to all

those obstacles.

14 - City of Claremore obtains \$21 million in financing to expand water treatment plant, Claremore (OK) World, 3/12/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/communities/claremore/news/city-of-claremore-obtains-million-in-financing-to-expand-water/article_75f5e1b6-165b-5c14-800f-54b2d0e47748.html

The city has secured financing for \$21 million in upgrades to a municipal water treatment plant. The city council and Claremore Public Works Authority recently approved an agreement to borrow that amount from RCB Bank at a 2.59 percent interest rate over 15 years, City Manager Jim Thomas said.